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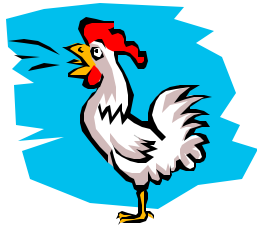
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady in the West. Retail demand was slow to at times good. Food service was moderate to good in anticipation of seasonal holiday movement. Supplies were at least sufficient to available with shipping disruptions and computer problems noted in the Northeast. In the parts structure, offerings of bone-in breasts were limited and usually garnered premium price levels when located. Boneless skinless breasts were occasionally short to balanced. The remainder of items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but generally desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 57.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 59.75 cents last year on the 12th May, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	138.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.50
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	52.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 05/06/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	182,563	182,775	0	
CHICKS PLACED	150,152	146,083	+03	

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 183 million eggs during the week ending May 6, 2000. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 6, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through May 6, 2000, were 2.63 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17-Jun-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.91 CENTS PER POUND.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally moderate. Offerings ranged adequate to ample with smaller birds in the longest position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to good. The market tone remained steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts continued to tighten. Boneless, skinless breasts ranged adequate to occasionally short. All other items were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fair to moderate, best for features. Food service was moderate to good due to anticipated Mother's Day movement and fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were becoming limited in availability with seasonal interest often noted. The remaining items were more than sufficient for the light buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional whole bird and wog offerings adequate for the limited buyer needs. Movement into retail channels irregular, slow to moderate. Food service demand good overall and meeting expectations. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes desirable to heavier than desired. Parts trading mixed, light to moderate on all items, best for features. Retail features reported in Ohio and Chicago on split breasts at 99 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99. Supplies were adequate and noted as more balanced on all items. Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on whole breasts, steady on balance of items.

WESTERN Market tone steady on regular commitments and fully steady on new negotiations. Offerings easily adequate. Demand by stores moderate best to cover ads, fairly good by restaurants best to cover Mother's Day needs. Floor stocks adequate. Market tone generally steady on parts with breasts in the strongest position.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry; however, some shipments continued to be disrupted as a result of computer problems. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly bone-in tightened and available offerings were held with confidence. Other items were adequate and in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.60
NO. OF BOXES	6,188
*5 of 8 plants reporting.	

MAY 09, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 10, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	563	125.00-175.00	128-135	132.00
TENDERLOINS	71	140.00-205.00	140-145	160.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	130	59.00-62.00	-	59.09
FRONT HALVES	70	48.00-50.00	-	49.00
LEGS	88	27.00-34.00	27-29	28.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	568	15.00-18.00	15-17	15.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	936	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	133	39.00-46.00	43-45	43.30
WINGS (CUT)	454	49.00-72.00	55-57	53.60
DRUMSTICKS	88	25.00-34.00	-	25.82
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAY 09, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S
RANGE **AVERAGE**
31.50 - 34.00 32.34

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	629	124.00-175.00	125-135	130.00
TENDERLOINS	130	145.00-205.00	145-147	154.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	126	58.00-61.00	-	60.81
FRONT HALVES	115	48.00-51.00	-	50.09
LEGS	49	27.00-34.00	-	28.29
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	649	15.00-18.00	15-17	15.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	156	39.00-48.00	42-43	43.49
WINGS (CUT)	392	49.00-72.00	52-54	55.11
DRUMSTICKS	87	25.00-34.00	25-27	25.72
THIGHS	49	20.00-34.00	-	22.57
B/S THIGHSTOO FEW TO REPORT				

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAY 10, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S **5-DAY**
RANGE **AVERAGE** **AVERAGE**
31.50 - 34.50 32.91 32.98

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was generally fair yet lacked the enthusiasm normally seen this time of year. Offerings were mixed and complications due to disruptions in shipping were noted. Bone-in breasts were difficult to locate and when found were commanding premiums. Boneless, skinless breasts were sometimes short to mostly adequate. All other items were at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement ranged moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, steady to fully steady on boneless, skinless breasts and about steady on the remainder of items.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	MAY 09, 2000			
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	133.41	521,680	
TENDERLOINS	135	148.54	90,430	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	60.81	214,000	
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	57.97	121,800	
LEGS	29-30	31.33	290,600	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.55	477,357	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.09	135,443	
THIGHS	28-29	31.98	98,270	
B/S THIGHS	86-87	91.70	59,520	
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	58.71	225,320	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	70,840	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.73	66,760	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.25	91,620	

ITEM	MAY 10, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.23	355,080
TENDERLOINS	135	150.13	57,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	63.17	236,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	61.76	163,800
LEGS	29-30	31.46	184,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.98	206,153
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.32	97,280
THIGHS	28-29	32.23	87,810
B/S THIGHS	86-87	87.05	57,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	55.68	170,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	75,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.86	60,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.74	84,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	AVG							
	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL
	05/10	05/09	05/08	05/05	05/08	05/05	05/03	05/01
ALA	3,984	3,808	3,933	4,027	5.05	4.77	3,817	5.08
ARK	5,004	5,057	4,956	5,340	4.86	5.20	4,999	4.88
DELMARVA	2,388	2,416	2,393	2,361	5.16	5.14	2,357	5.24
KY-LA-TN	2,601	2,105	1,975	2,073	4.38	4.36	2,093	4.61
MISS	2,725	2,761	2,792	2,741	5.13	5.05	2,300	5.11
NC	2,577	2,600	2,504	2,632	5.87	6.01	2,559	5.92
TEXAS	2,299	2,340	2,255	2,339	4.90	4.77	2,310	4.97
TOTAL	21,578	21,087	20,808	21,513	5.05	5.04	20,435	5.10
MON-WED 63,660(A)	62,771 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-May 00 is estimated to be 32,283,000 up 3.56 percent from a week ago and up 6.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,439,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-96
	DRY PACK 102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 107-111
	DRY PACK 119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 95
	DRY PACK 98
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/13/00 (1)	05/06/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	159,007 (2)	160,019
LT HENS	2,053	2,168
HVY HENS	1,594	1,530
CHECK TOTAL	162,654	165,232

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-May-00 is 157.2 million head compared to 154.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.3 million head or 2.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-May-00 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 8-May-00	134,545	92,901
AM 1-May-00	127,404	90,183
CHG	7,141	2,718
PCT CHG	6	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/8/00	05/1/00	05/10/99	05/8/00	05/1/00	05/10/99
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES						
	17,488	15,586	20,988	15,084	14,774	15,577
	244	179	1,394	5,515	5,315	9,783

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 05/09/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.85	.66	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.20	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.80	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.95	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	2.25	2.75	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	1.10	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.15	1.35	-
PULLETS lb.	1.30	1.45	1.38	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	8.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.25	1.14	ROOSTERS ea.	3.25	6.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	4.50	6.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.10	.69	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	6.00	7.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.25	1.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	1.50	2.00	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	3.75	-				

TOTAL COOPS 101

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 08, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-58
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-64

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 5, 2000

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON					
Low	66.16	124.66	76.71	23.97	5.75 55.14
High	69.52	134.24	86.30	33.56	7.19 55.14
Mostly	67.12	134.24	86.30	33.56	7.19 55.14
SAN JUAN					
Low	65.20	134.24	81.51	23.97	7.19 50.34
High	67.12	143.83	91.09	38.36	9.59 50.34
Mostly	67.12	134.24	86.30	31.16	8.63 50.34
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	64.73	119.86	71.92	23.97	5.75 57.53
High	69.04	134.24	86.30	33.56	7.19 57.53
Mostly	67.12	129.45	76.71	23.97	7.19 57.53
BECERRA					
Low	68.08	124.66	76.71	23.97	7.19 55.14
High	69.52	143.83	91.09	33.56	10.55 55.14
Mostly	68.08	139.04	86.30	33.56	9.59 55.14

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